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Mr. Paul Bullis
Chairman, Arizona Power Plant
And Transmission Line Siting Committee
C/o Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Proposed SanTan Expansion Project, Siting Committee Case No. 105

Dear Chairman Bullis and Siting Committee Members:

Williams Gateway Airport is at the center of a 10,000 acre employment node which includes parts of Mesa, Gilbert, and Queen Creek. This area will generate thousands of new jobs over the next two decades.

Critical to the economic development of this area is the provision of reliable, inexpensive electric power. It is imperative that Williams Gateway Airport, its customers and tenants, the flying public, and surrounding businesses are supplied with dependable, affordable power.

Expansion of SRP's electrical power system will be a key factor in the growth of jobs and economic activity in the Gateway area. We rely on SRP to work with local governments and regulators to determine the most appropriate way to increase electric power available to our business community.

Very truly yours,

Lynn F. Kusy
Executive Director

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Paul Bullis, Chairman
Arizona Power Plant & Transmission Line Siting Committee
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Re: SRP's application to build the Santan Expansion Project, Case No. 105

Dear Mr. Bullis:

Arizona State University's mission and obligation to provide first-rate baccalaureate education at its rapidly expanding ASU East campus compels me to write in support of SRP's proposed Santan Expansion Project in the Town of Gilbert.

The ASU East campus at the former Williams Air Force Base is experiencing significant growth in its student population with a 70 percent increase in enrollment over the past 24 months. By conservative estimates, we project that ASU East enrollment will increase from approximately 2,000 students this year to more than 10,000 students by 2010. And that's just our growth at ASU East. The Williams Campus master plan projects a campus buildout of 30,000 students by 2010.

To meet these demands, ASU East is pursuing a vigorous capital development program that ultimately will turn the campus into one of the largest educational institutions in the East Valley, with energy needs many times what they are now. Having reliable and affordable supplies of electric power will be critical to our programs, operations and increasing emphasis on computer sciences and other advanced technologies.

Your committee's decision on whether to approve SRP's request for building an additional 825 megawatts of generation at the Santan location has direct bearing on ASU East. I'm personally convinced that the proposed Santan expansion offers the quickest, most sufficient means of meeting the East Valley's power supply needs. Alternatives would take several years longer to bring on line and would leave the East Valley vulnerable in the interim to power shortages and potential blackouts. That could have a negative impact on the growth and expansion of exciting new academic programs at ASU East.

I urge approval of the Santan Expansion Project on the premise that it will meet all EPA, state and county environmental standards.

Sincerely,



Terry C. Isaacson
Director